

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Dietz et al.**

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Record and Playback Software
Program**

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Sir:

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I am employed by the law firm of Yee & Associates, P.C. (the "Firm"), as a Paralegal, in which capacity I personally receive all Notices of Abandonment and investigate the cause of the abandonment on behalf of the Firm and IBM Corporation (the "Client").

On the mailing date of the Office Action dated September 5, 2006, I was employed full time by the Firm. The Firm received a telephone call from the Examiner on March 20, 2007, inquiring of the status of the response to the September 6, 2006 office action. At that time, I stated to the Examiner that no response was filed because no office action had been received. The Firm received

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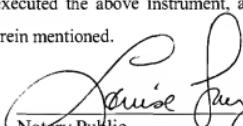
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On this the 15th day of June, 2007, personally appeared before me Dell Whitton, to me known to be the person named in and who executed the above instrument, and acknowledged that she executed the same for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.



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